EUs report on Kashmir

3866. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken into cognizance the recent European Union's report on Kashmir;

(b) whether it is a fact that the report debunks Pakistan's position on Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The Committee of Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament has completed consideration of an 'Own Initiative Report' on Kashmir; the present situation and future prospects. The report has not yet been adopted by the European Parliament where it can undergo further change and hence there is no clarity regarding the final report.

Killing of Indian fishermen by Sri Lankan Navy

3867. SHRIMATI S.G INDIRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the month of March, 2007, many Indian fishermen fell victims to the indiscriminate firing on them by the Sri Lankan Navy;

(b) if so, the total number of fishermen died due to the said firing;

(c) whether Government had taken up this issue with the Sri Lankan Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) There was an incident of firing on Indian fishermen by the Sri Lankan Navy in the month of March 2007 in which one fisherman was killed.